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Governor Doyle Announces Disaster Declaration

Individual Assistance Now Available to Five Counties; Others Expected to Follow

MADISON — Governor Jim Doyle today announced with Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator David Poulison that FEMA has declared a state of disaster in five of the most heavily impacted Wisconsin counties, making individual assistance available in Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Sauk and Vernon counties. FEMA's damage assessments are ongoing, and FEMA is committed to providing assistance to additional counties as quickly as possible.

"Our hearts and prayers are with all of the people who have suffered losses through some of our worst flooding ever, and I am very thankful to FEMA for moving quickly and working hard to provide assistance to Wisconsin," Governor Jim Doyle said. "We will continue moving forward to help people in all the 30 counties that have been hit hard this disaster."

FEMA's disaster declaration makes federal money available for individual assistance, such as home repair and temporary housing costs. Those living in counties declared a state of disaster can apply for individual assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or online at www.fema.gov.

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